

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 6, 2016

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT NOBLE WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT  
ALDERMAN ECKERT  
ALDERMAN KOOP  
ALDERMAN SCOTT-CHILDRESS  
ALDERMAN DAWSON  
ALDERMAN CAREY  
ALDERMAN DAVIS  
ALDERMAN MILLS  
ALDERMAN SCHABOT  
ALDERMAN BROWN

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND TO APPROVE SAME AS PREPARED AND FILED BY THE CITY CLERK OFFERED BY ALDERMAN SCHABOT SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CAREY CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0.

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE GENERAL BILLS OFFERED BY ALDERMAN DAWSON SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DAVIS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: 30 MINUTES

1. MAYOR NOBLE, THANKED JOHN TUEY, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE CHAIR DOUG KOOP AND THE ALDERMEN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BUDGET PROCESS WITH IN-DEPTH CONVERSATIONS. HE IS PROUD OF THE BUDGET HE PRESENTED AND THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A PUBLIC FORUM AND INPUT. OUR PROCESS IS UNIQUE TO THE CITY OF KINGSTON AND HE HOPES THAT THE COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT THE BUDGET IN ITS VOTE.
2. JOSEPH DIFALCO, 66 GLEN ST., STATES THAT THE EDUCATOR POSITIONS AT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOT THE CITY'S. WE TRANSPORT PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY TO PARKS, POOLS AND TRAILS. TURTLES AND RABBITS ARE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOLS FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES. THESE POSITIONS WERE ELIMINATED IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET, WITH THE MONEY PLACED IN CONTINGENCY, THE POSITIONS WERE THEN REINSTATED BY MAYOR NOBLE. KINGSTON'S NEW SLOGAN SHOULD BE 'THE DOLLAR SNATCHING CITY'.
3. ELLEN DIFALCO, 66 GLEN ST., STATES THAT THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH CONSTITUENTS OF THIS CITY. LAST YEARS BUDGET RESULTED IN A REBATE FROM THE STATE FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF. THE NEW POSITIONS WILL EVENTUALLY DEplete THE CONTINGENCY FUND. 4 MILLION IN SALES TAX HAVE NOT BEEN COLLECTED IN 5 YEARS, NOW OUR RATE IS FROZEN DUE TO THE LAST CONTRACT. WHERE ARE THE GRANTS COMING FROM? DID THE COUNCIL QUESTION THE EXCESSIVE OVERTIME FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS? THE COUNCIL SHOULD LEARN TO DO MORE WITH LESS AND CUT BACK ON EXPENSES BEFORE OUR AA+ BOND RATING IS PUT IN JEOPARDY.
4. LYNN JOHNSON, 44 W. CHESTNUT ST. SUPPORTS THE MAYOR'S BUDGET AND THE RAISE FOR THE CORPORATION COUNSEL AND THE ADDITION OF A PART-TIME CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.

CLAIMS:

#16-30                      PROPERTY DAMAGE

COMMUNICATIONS:

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| 1. MICKEY HEIN               | RE: LACK OF VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTION OF HOFFMAN/BROADWAY      | PS   |
| 2. ULSTER COUNTY, IDA        | RE: REVIEW OF AGENCY POLICIES                                   | COPY |
| 3. ALDERMAN DAVIS            | RE: BUILDING CODE POSTAGE FEES                                  | FIN  |
| 4. J. CHENIER, DPW           | RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST                                 | FIN  |
| 5. S. CAHILL, PLANNER        | RE: DESIGNATION OF CITY OF KINGSTON PLANNING BD. AS LEAD AGENCY | COPY |
| 6. S. CAHILL, PLANNER        | RE: DESIGNATION OF CITY OF KINGSTON PLANNING BD. AS LEAD AGENCY | COPY |
| 7. ULSTER COUNTY, IDA        | RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR UPAC/BARDAVON PROJECT          | L&R  |
| 8. J. HANSEN, WATER DEPT.    | RE: UNPAID WATER CHARES TO BE RE-LEVIED ON 2017 TAX BILLS       | FIN  |
| 9. J. TUEY, COMPTROLLER      | RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST, PARKING                        | FIN  |
| 10. B. ROBINSON, DIR. E/CD   | RE: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER AND EXPEND FUNDS FOR HREP GRANTS  | FIN  |
| 11. MAYOR NOBLE              | RE: ENERGY BENCHMARKING POLICY REQUIREMENTS                     | PS   |
| 12. MAYOR NOBLE              | RE: LEGISLATION TO ALLOW RIDESHARING                            | L&R  |
| 13. M. BROWN, FIRE CHIEF     | RE: AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ELECTRICAL BOARD          | L&R  |
| 14. MAYOR NOBLE              | RE: DECLARING THE CITY OF KINGSTON A SANCTUARY CITY             | L&R  |
| 15. MAYOR NOBLE              | RE: REQUEST TO CHANGE COMMUNICATIONS DEADLINE                   | COPY |
| 16. MAYOR NOBLE              | RE: PARKING CHANGES   | FIN  |
| 17. K. BRYANT, CORP. COUNSEL | RE: POTENTIAL SETTLEMENTS                                       | FIN  |
| 18. MAYOR NOBLE              | RE: ETHICS BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS                                | L&R  |

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE SECOND READING OF THE GENERAL BILLS AND PAY SAME OFFERED BY ALDERMAN CAREY SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SCHABOT CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:  
RESOLUTION #237 OF 2016 AMENDING NO PARKING ON PETER STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, MILLS, DAVIS, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #238 OF 2016 ADDING HANDICAP PARKING ON ELMENDORF STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, MILLS, DAVIS, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #239 OF 2016 ADDING HANDICAP PARKING ON HIGHLAND AVENUE, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, MILLS, DAVIS, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #240 OF 2016 REPEALING HANDICAP PARKING ON HENRY STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, MILLS, DAVIS, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #241 OF 2016 ADDING HANDICAP PARKING ON CROSS STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, MILLS, DAVIS, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #242 OF 2016 ADDING ONE WAY STREET ON CROSS STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, MILLS, DAVIS, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #243 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2016, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #244 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2016 PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #245 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR ADDING DELINQUENT PUBLIC WORKS CHARGES TO THE 2017 TAX BILLS, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #246 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR ADDING PIKE PLAN CHARGES TO THE 2017 TAX BILLS, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #247 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR ADDING BUILDING/SAFETY DIVISION CHARGES TO THE 2017 TAX BILLS, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #248 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR ADDING ENERGIZE NY FINANCE CHARGES TO THE 2017 TAX BILLS, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #249 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING BASE PROPORTION RATIO FOR HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-1 ALDERMAN MILLS VOTING NO.

A MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE POSITION OF COMMON COUNCIL CLERK POSITION FROM THE 2017 BUDGET OFFERED BY ALDERMAN MILLS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BROWN. MOTION DEFEATED BY A VOTE WITH A SHOW OF HANDS 5-4, ALDERMEN CAREY, DAVIS, MILLS, BROWN VOTING FOR PASSAGE.

A MOTION, TO REINSTATE TWO POSITIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, FOR 2017 OFFERED BY ALDERMAN MILLS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BROWN. MOTION WAS DEFEATED BY A VOTE WITH A SHOW OF HANDS 7-2, ALDERMEN MILLS AND BROWN VOTING FOR PASSAGE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #250 OF 2016 TO APPROVE THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017, AS AMENDED, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN, CARRIED WITH A VOTE BY A SHOW OF HANDS, 7-2, ALDERMEN MILLS AND BROWN VOTING AGAINST.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #251 OF 2016 CREATING THE TAX LEVY TO PROVIDE THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY 7-2, ALDERMEN MILLS AND BROWN VOTING AGAINST.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #252 OF 2016 TO APPROVE THE CITY'S SEWER BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #253 OF 2016 ESTABLISHING A SEWER CHARGE RATE FOR THE YEAR 2017, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #254 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING A BOND ORDINANCE FOR THE 2017 CAPITAL PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9—0.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #255 OF 2016 AN ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$660,000 BONDS, OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TO PAY THE COST OF VARIOUS CITY PURPOSES IN AND FOR SAID CITY.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #256 OF 2016 AMENDING, THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-1, ALDERMAN MILLS VOTING AGAINST

LAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #257 OF 2016 APPROVING RESTORATION OF A PORTION OF THE ENCROACHMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8 OHIO STREET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN ECKERT, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, CAREY, MILLS AND BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #258 OF 2016 REQUESTING A BUDGETARY TRANSFER IN CORPORATION COUNSEL’S BUDGET, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #259 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING, THE SALE OF 148-150 SECOND AVENUE TAX MAP NO. 56.27-5-31 AND RECOMMENDING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #260 OF 2016 ACCEPTING THE DECEMBER 31, 2015 INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT PRESENTED BY, VANACORE, DE BENEDICTUS, DI GIOVANNI & WEDELL, CPA’S SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #261 OF 2016 APPROVING, THE DEVIATION BY THE ULSTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, RELATING TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CERTAIN PILOT AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO, BETWEEN ULSTER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND UPAC, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH BARDAVON 1869 OPERA HOUSE, INC. PROJECT. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #262 OF 2016 REPEALING SECTION 390.26 OF CHAPTER 390 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCOTT-CHILDRESS, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0, ALDERMAN BROWN VOTING AGAINST

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF, THERESA MISASI, WILLIAM KNOX SR AND ANN WILLIAMS, A MOTION WAS OFFERED TO ADJOURN BY ALDERMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CAREY CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
CARLY WINNIE  
CITY CLERK